Wisconsin FCCLA
2009 STAR Events Overview

Wisconsin FCCLA: Focus on STAR Events! It is time to kick-off the 2009 STAR Events by planning regional meetings, announcing events new for 2009, and state events that are being retired.

National Events
WI FCCLA will continue to offer the following events at the 2009 SLC, and each region may determine if they choose to offer these events in February:
- **Fashion Construction**
- **Life Event Planning**
- **Interior Design**
- **Recycle and Redesign** (a senior category has been added).

If an entry in any of these events is registered at the regional level it must earn a gold rating to qualify for SLC.

At the 2008 NLM two additional national events were introduced:
- **Publicize and Promote FCCLA!**
- **Teach and Train.**

Both events will be offered for the first time in Wisconsin at the 2009 SLC. The 2009 National STAR Events Manual is now available online with event guidelines plus Rubrics.

State Events
A **Career Pathways Portfolio** event will be offered this year. It is an outgrowth of the Carl Perkins career pathways initiative and a modification of two state events. This new portfolio event will replace both Elderly Services and Employee Portfolio.

The Outstanding Chapter Member Award enables individuals to document their involvement in chapter activities. In the past portfolios were due by March 1 to the state office, and a checklist was used to determine if the criteria was met. In 2009 the **Outstanding Chapter Member Portfolio** will be a STAR Event. Members will bring their portfolio to SLC for a team of evaluators to assess – the portfolio will be similar to past years with <u>no</u> interview or presentation. Participants will earn a STAR Events medallion for their efforts and be part of the STAR Events Recognition Session.

Members who register an entry in the Outstanding Chapter Member Portfolio Event may also enter one other STAR Event for 2008-2009.

How do chapter members learn about the 2 new state events? At the 2008 TEAM Trainings there will be a one-page description of both Career Pathway Portfolio and Outstanding Chapter Member Portfolio. Event guidelines and corresponding rating sheets will be available online at the WI FCCLA website by December 1st.

Watch for web-casts by state officers regarding the preparation of STAR Events. Web-casts will address: stacking and overlapping, file folders, preparing for a Q & A session, and more.

Event Categories
The selection of the appropriate event category for members in grades 10 – 12 depends on whether the individual is a comprehensive or occupational student. In the 2009 National STAR Events Manual event categories are discussed on page 26. It is in the best interest of the member to be registered in the category that matches their FACS course work and resulting knowledge/skills. At the regional and state levels student transcripts may be reviewed to assess the appropriateness of the category they are in.

According to the National STAR Events Manual – Glossary **a comprehensive student is** defined as "student enrolled in general courses in a Family & Consumer Sciences program". "**An occupational student is** one who has completed or is currently taking a concentrated program that prepares individuals for paid employment."

Regional STAR Event Planning
All seven WI FCCLA regions will host their own competitive meeting during February. Each region has its own STAR Events committee that will start planning in October. When each regional committee adheres to the following timeline information will be posted on the state website in a timely manner.
- o November 7 – Regional Meeting dates due to DPI
- o November 15 – Regional Meeting location and committee information due to DPI (use 2009 Regional STAR Events Committee Members document on CD, fill in regional information & send to DPI electronically)
- o December 1 – Regional STAR Events Meeting & Committee information available on website

REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION
Chapters must provide proof of affiliation for each member competing in STAR Events **prior to regional meeting.**

Regional Representatives
State Officer Lauren Strand, Oregon FCCLA, will be providing leadership training to reps this autumn at TEAM Trainings.

WI STAR Events Computer Program
Regions will use the WI STAR Events Program to input their entries and tabulate results. **Each region please secure a new copy of the program from DPI so you have the updated chapter list in the drop-down menu.** Discard CDs from previous year(s). All regions will use the program to record their results and electronically transmit these to the WI STAR Events Manager.

Regional Confidential Materials
All confidential materials will be sent from DPI directly to each regional coordinator.

Regional Evaluator Meeting
To ensure a higher degree of consistency among the region's evaluation process we are striving to standardize the evaluator's meeting. Regions will use the same agenda and content with their evaluators. An agenda for the regional evaluator's meeting and PowerPoint slides have been developed. The agenda is on the state website. Contact DPI for a copy of the slide show developed for the Regional Evaluator Meeting.

SLC at Kalahari
All STAR Events will be under one roof at the 2009 SLC with the exception of Culinary Arts plus Pasties & Baked Goods. Chapter advisers with STAR Event participants will be needed to assist as room consultants. Chapters plan now to bring an adult chaperone that can also serve as a STAR Events evaluator. We are pleased to announce Jennie Marx, Westby FCCLA Chapter Adviser, has volunteered to secure evaluators for the 2009 SLC. Thanks Jennie!

State Website
Remember to check the WI FCCLA website on a regular basis to stay current with STAR Events information.

WI FCCLA: Focus on STAR Events to . . .
- o   increase chapter participation
- o   meet new people at regional meetings
- o   travel to state and national conferences
- o   pursue career pathway of interest
- o   develop time management and presentation skills
- o   extend FACS instruction beyond four walls of classroom to family, community, and work site.